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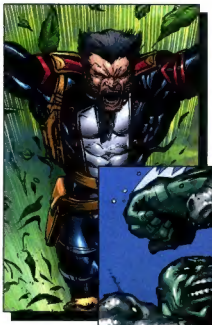

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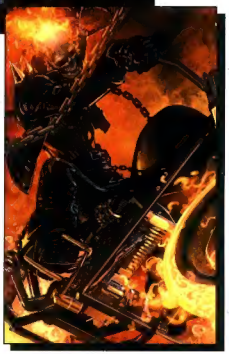

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- ☐ Incredible Hulk #86
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- ☐ Marvel Adventures Spider-Man #7
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- ☐ New Avengers #10
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- ☐ Ultimate Secret #3
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- ☐ **Wolverine: Enemy Of The State Vol. 1 TPB**

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MAXIMUM FANTASTIC FOUR

Introduction and afterword by WALTER MOSLEY
Commentary by MARK EVANIER
Designed by PAUL SAHRE
FANTASTIC FOUR #1 by STAN LEE & JACK KIRBY

Ushering in momentous change in comic-book illustration and ingenuity, Jack Kirby's immense artistic contribution to FANTASTIC FOUR #1 revolutionized visual storytelling and brought the art of reality to the extraordinary lives of super heroes. The ripple effects of that single issue continue to influence comic-book art to this day. As a tribute to Kirby's rendering of Marvel's First Family and their first adventure, MAXIMUM FANTASTIC FOUR re-presents FANTASTIC FOUR #1 AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE – highlighted by a super-size, digitally remastered, panel-by-panel exploration of the entire issue that captures every single detail and nuance of Kirby's groundbreaking artwork. The book also contains a substantial introduction and afterword by bestselling author and comic-book enthusiast Walter Mosley; art commentary by Kirby expert Mark Evanier; the stunning design of Paul Sahre; and a scale-sized, high-resolution reproduction of FF #1. This immaculately packaged coffee-table masterpiece is must-have for any Jack Kirby enthusiast, Fantastic Four fanatic, or sequential art fan!

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Cover art from HOM #5

HOUSE OF M #7 (of 8)
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Penciled by OLIVIER COIPEL
Cover by ESAD RIBIC
Variant Cover by SALVADOR LARROCA

The staggering conclusion to the Marvel event of the decade begins here. The heroes have gathered around the forces of the House of M. But who was really responsible for these heinous crimes against humanity? And will the world ever be the same again?

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SPIDER-MAN: HOUSE OF M #4 (of 5)
Written by MARK WAID & TOM PEYER
Pencils & Cover by SALVADOR LARROCA
Thanks to Jonah Jameson, anti-human sentiment hits an all-time high, endangering Peter Parker and his loved ones. Worse, just when matters couldn't get more perilous for the Parker family, the Green Goblin is unmasked–and the secret of his identity throws everyone's life into chaos!
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WOLVERINE #33
Written by DANIEL WAY
Layouts by JAVIER SALTARES
Finishes by MARK TEXEIRA
Cover by JOE QUESADA
CHASING GHOSTS Part 1 (of 3)
HOUSE OF M tie-in!
He's one of the most crucial players in the House of M world, and for a good reason: Wolverine carries burdens too great for even the most powerful mutants to bear. Has it caused him to finally snap? All the details you need to know about Wolverine's mysterious past and his place in the House of M can be found right here! A down-and-dirty shocker of a story by Daniel Way (WOLVERINE, BULLSEYE: GREATEST HITS) and the acclaimed GHOST RIDER: RESURRECTED team of Javier Saltares and Mark Texeira!
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NEW ART TEAM!

UNCANNY X-MEN #464

Written by CHRIS CLAREMONT

Pencils & Cover by CHRIS BACHALO

"SEASON OF THE WITCH"

Welcome aboard new regular artist CHRIS BACHALO! It's a knock-down, drag-out brawl, as Psylocke and Marvel Girl race against time to stop the entire universe from being completely obliterated! Guest starring Captain Britain, Juggernaut and Nocturne! Part 3 (of 4)!

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IRON MAN: HOUSE OF M #3 (of 3)
Written by GREG PAK
Pencils & Cover by PAT LEE
The exciting conclusion! All the agents the House of M can muster are out searching for the rebellious Iron Man_ unaware that Tony Stark is fighting to prevent a catastrophe that could leave countless mutants dead!
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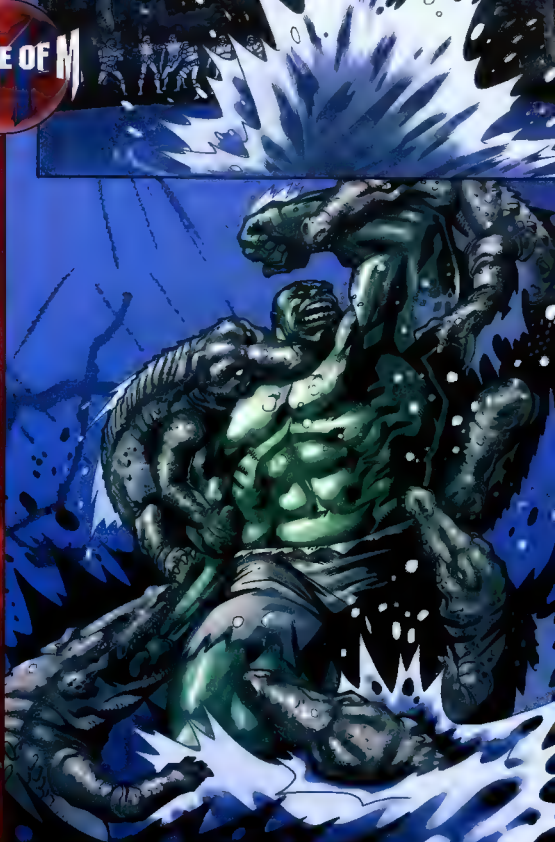

Interior art from Incredible Hulk #83

INCREDIBLE HULK #86

Written by PETER DAVID
Penciled by JORGE LUCAS
Cover by ANDY BRASE

The Grand Finale to the HOUSE OF M tie-in! As the final confrontation of Hulk and A.I.M comes to its pulse-pounding, high-impact conclusion, what role will Scorpion play in tipping the scales for the winning ruler of Australia? And what is the fate of lovers Bruce Banner and the nefarious Dr. Monica Rappaccini? Part 4 (of 4)

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FANTASTIC FOUR: HOUSE OF M #3 (of 3)
Written by JOHN LAYMAN
Pencils & Cover by SCOT EATON

The treacherous Victor Von Doom's fantastic, fearsome foursome have at last maneuvered Magneto into the one place he is vulnerable, and it is time for Doom to strike. But, for all his elaborate planning, is there anything—or anyone—Doom has overlooked? And how much will that oversight cost him? Don't miss the exciting, action-packed finale!

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MUTOPIA X #3 (of 5)

Written by DAVID HINE
Penciled by LAN MEDINA
Cover by ANDY PARK

Ismael Ortega's young daughter is about to go through the most important day of her life - the Rite of Mutant Transcendancy. But when a group of terrorists plan on interrupting the ceremony to take out Ismael, who gets caught in the crossfire? (Don't look at the cover!)

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NEW X-MEN #18

Written by NUNZIO DEFILIPPIS & CHRISTINA WEIR
Pencils & Cover by AARON LOPRESTI

"HOUSE DIVIDED"

The curtain starts to open, revealing the atrocities being performed in Sunfire's Japan. Will the young Hellions team put a stop to these horrors, or will they simply follow orders and allow these crimes against humanity to continue? The answer just might surprise you! Part 3 (of 4).

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NEW ARTIST!

EXILES #69 & #70
Written by TONY BEDARD
Pencils & Cover by PAUL PELLETIER
WORLD TOUR: EARTH 616 Parts 1 & 2 (of 3)!
The Exiles return to prime earth, only to find it not so prime anymore. So not only do the Exiles have House of M to deal with, they have to face the most powerful mutant on the planet! And welcome aboard new artist, PAUL PELLETIER!
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ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR #23

Written by MARK MILLAR

Pencils & Cover by GREG LAND

"CROSSOVER"

On an world they never thought they'd visit, the fledgling F.F. find themselves hunted by the strangest enemies imaginable. And only one man can offer them salvation—the mutant master of magnetism—Magneto! The story you never thought you'd see comes to its shocking end! Part 3 (of 3)

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ULTIMATE SECRET #3 (of 4)

Written by WARREN ELLIS
Penciled by TOM RANEY
Cover by STEVE MCNIVEN

Ten miles above the Earth, an alien race is bent on stopping humanity from escaping the deadly clutches of Gah Lak Tus—the world devourer. But are they ready to face the combined forces of the Ultimates, the Ultimate Fantastic Four, and Captain Mahr Vehl?! Warren Ellis is joined by his former *Stormwatch* collaborator Tom Raney, to conclude the second act of the Ultimate Galactus Trilogy.

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ULTIMATE IRON MAN #4 (of 5)
Written by ORSON SCOTT CARD
Pencils & Cover by ANDY KUBERT
Science fiction visionary Orson Scott Card *(Ender's Game, Speaker for the Dead)* and superstar artist Andy Kubert *(1602, Origin, Ultimate X-Men)* continue the origin of Ultimate Iron Man. Tony Stark and Jim "Rhodey" Rhodes have their first adventure! What happens here will change their lives!
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ULTIMATES 2 #8

Written by MARK MILLAR
Pencils & Cover by BRYAN HITCH
"GRAND THEFT AMERICA"

Tony and Natasha are on the eve of their wedding — but when Nick Fury makes his move against the mysterious traitor that's been plaguing the team, the team will never be the same! Also, Captain America and Wasp hit a serious snag in their relationship... is this the end for the Ultimate Universe's hottest couple? But believe us when we tell you that everything turns on its head with this issue! Is this the beginning of the end for the Ultimates? Part 2 (of 6)

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ULTIMATE X-MEN #63
Written by BRIAN VAUGHAN
Pencils & Cover by STUART IMMONEN
"MAGNETIC NORTH"
It's mutant against mutant—brother against brother—as Cyclops and his X-Men risk their lives to take down the young man known as Havok, who has unwittingly become a pawn in Magneto's deadly game. Plus, an unexpected appearance by another hero from the Ultimate Universe turns the dangerous situation from bad to worse. Part 3 (of 5)
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ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #82
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Cover by MARK BAGLEY
"GANG WAR"
The Gangwar consuming New York gets worse with Wilson Fisk in retreat and an emboldened Hammerhead making the big play for his criminal turf. As for Spider-Man, his attention gets diverted from the street scene because the Black Cat is back—and this time she won't take "no" for an answer!
Part 4 (of 7)
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ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #83
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Cover by MARK BAGLEY
"GANG WAR"
The Black Cat tries to dissuade Spider-Man from taking down the thuggish criminal Hammerhead. Meanwhile the beleaguered Kingpin, Wilson Fisk, brings in his favorite assassin to neutralize as many enemies as she can—and Elektra doesn't take prisoners! Part 5 (of 7)
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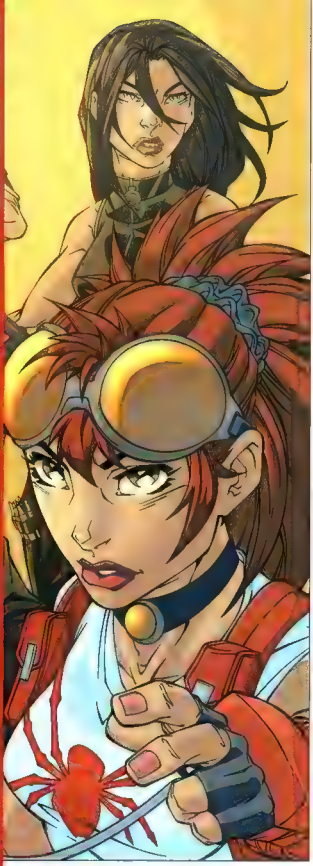

ARAÑA #9

Written by FIONA AVERY
Penciled by ROGER CRUZ
Cover by MARK BROOKS

Araña goes to a very dark place as the appearance of her mother's killer awakens a thirst for vengeance. Miguel stages a magical intervention – but does she need protection from the killer...or from herself? Part 3 (of 6)

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TOXIN #6 (OF 6)

Written by PETER MILLIGAN
Penciled by DARICK ROBERTSON
Cover by DUNCAN FEGREDO

Ex-cop Pat Mulligan's sick of playing nice. While he's been struggling to control the alien symbiote Toxin, Razor-Fist ups the ante –and the body count – again, bringing terror to New York City. His latest victim strikes horribly close to home...but when Pat decides to take the gloves off, will he do the right thing? Or give himself over to Toxin's base instincts? It's the fight you've been waiting for: Toxin vs. Razor-Fist...and this time, it's personal.

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #524

Written by J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI
Penciled by MIKE DEODATO
Cover by TONY HARRIS

"ACTS OF AGGRESSION"

What horrors do the hordes of Hydra hold in store for the sensational Spider-Man and his teammates? Will the web-head and the New Avengers stop the revitalized Hydra from bringing the United States to its knees. ? And if so at what cost? The pulse-pounding conclusion to the Hydra arc! Part 6 (of 6)

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SPIDER-GIRL #90
Written by TOM DEFALCO
Pencils & Cover by RON FRENZ
A hideous spider-creature, a giant turtle, Millie the Model and a road-runner?! Is Spider-Girl really experiencing all of these bizarre transformations or has she finally lost her ever-loving mind? [Of course, there's always another more sinister possibility...]
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SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #11
Written by BRIAN REED & JASON MILLER
Penciled by MICHAEL GOLDEN & ALBERTO DOSE
Cover by SALVADOR LARROCA
Special guest-star issue! Two more looks into the world of the wall-crawler! First, at an underworld bar, patrons place bets on the outcome of a battle between Spidey and the Hulk! Then, a field trip by Peter Parker's class takes a turn for the dangerous when it ends up at ground zero in a battle between the Thing and the Absorbing Man!
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MARVEL KNIGHTS SPIDER-MAN #18

Written by REGINALD HUDLIN
Penciled by BILLY TAN
Cover by STEVE MCNIVEN

"WILD BLUE YONDER"

The good news: Ethan Edwards finally knows who he really is and where he's from. The bad news: He can't handle the truth. Is Ethan doomed to carry out the bloody legacy of his people? And if he is, can Spider-Man hope to stop him? Part 6 (of 6)

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BECAUSE YOU DEMANDED IT...

GHOST RIDER #1 (of 6)
Written by GARTH ENNIS
Pencils & Cover by CLAYTON CRAIN
"ROAD TO DAMNATION"
The eagerly anticipated series begins here with stunning art and a story that only Garth Ennis could tell! He's paying the price for his deal with the Devil– is the Ghost Rider condemned to ride the highways of Hell for all eternity? His saving grace could be in the form of an unlikely ally– an industrious angel with a deal that would free Ghost Rider once and for all! Miss this series at the risk of your very soul!
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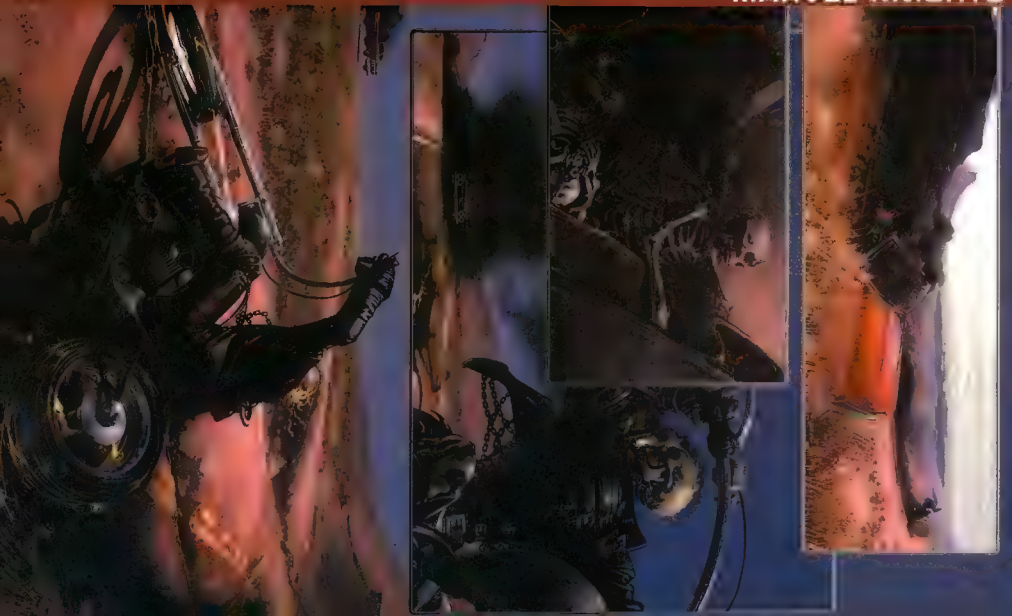

BLACK WIDOW 2 #1 (of 6)
Written by RICHARD K. MORGAN
Layouts by SEAN PHILLIPS
Finishes by BILL SIENKIEWICZ
Painted cover by BILL SIENKIEWICZ

"THE THINGS THEY SAY ABOUT HER"

You asked for it! Hot on the tail of Richard K. Morgan's searing comics debut comes the further dark exploits of Natasha Romanova, the original Black Widow. Some say she's a traitor, some say she's a murderer... and what most say about her isn't even printable. But, nobody denies that the former Cold War spy is a force to be reckoned with. The last man foolish enough to send killers after her paid the highest price, but his friends on Capitol Hill will ensure that Natasha doesn't get off easy... and not even Col. Nick Fury can protect her this time. Meanwhile, the survivors of Natasha's last tirade start coming back to haunt her... and they're starting to join forces. Also featuring a guest appearance by Daredevil! Richard K. Morgan is the Philip K. Dick Award-winning sci-fi author of Altered Carbon, Broken Angels, and Market Forces. Returning to BLACK WIDOW is comics legend Bill Sienkiewicz (ELEKTRA: ASSASSIN), joined by Eisner Award-nominated artist Sean Phillips (Sleeper). Read the red-hot sequel to the limited series praised by Entertainment Weekly, Ain't It Cool News, SFX Magazine and more!

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Marvel Spotlight: Marvel Knights

Marvel Knights is the premiere imprint for edgy super-hero stories—an art house series by shot on a blockbuster budget. It's where you'll find top-flight creators like Brian Michael Bendis, Mark Millar and Reggie Hudlin casting your favorite heroes in a new light and rejuvenating classic characters in sophisticated, topical tales.

Led by the award-winning Daredevil, Marvel Knights has seen many heroes revitalized through a "Knights" lens. When the imprint launched, it redefined the Marvel Universe and turned heads everywhere. This September, the Knights are coming it again. Marvel Knights group editor Axel Alonso recently sat down to talk about the developments in this area of the Marvel U.

Q: For those just joining us, what IS Marvel Knights?

Marvel Knights is a slightly darker corner of the Marvel Universe. A place that recognizes the shades of gray. A lot of top-tier creators come here to enjoy the extra latitude.

Q: Such as Garth Ennis, a man who, along with Clayton Crain, is bringing us a new Ghost Rider mini. The question everyone wants to know is: who is Ghost Rider? Which incarnation is this?

For this series, we're going back to the original: Johnny Blaze. The story is best described as macabre spaghetti Western. The Ghost Rider is offered a shot at getting out of hell—only he's going to have to track down a ruthless demon who's escaped to Earth and is having the time of his life. So, basically, you've got the Ghost Rider playing supernatural bounty hunter, and he's bumping shoulders with demon bikers, ruthless oil barons, and archangels with attitude. Garth and Clayton Crain are both in top form here.

Q: After a highly acclaimed mini-series earlier this year, Black Widow is back in BLACK WIDOW 2. Is this Natasha? Does it pick up where the last one left off? And who is Richard K. Morgan?

This is Natasha, and it picks up right where the last series left off. Natasha will be mixing it up with past rivals—including the ones from the previous series—and a certain blind super hero, with whom she shares quite a past. That's not to say that you can't enjoy the new series without having read the previous one, however, which is one of the great things about it. (Writer) Richard K. Morgan wanted to write something a little darker and edgier than what you find in most mainstream comics, and Black Widow was a perfect fit.

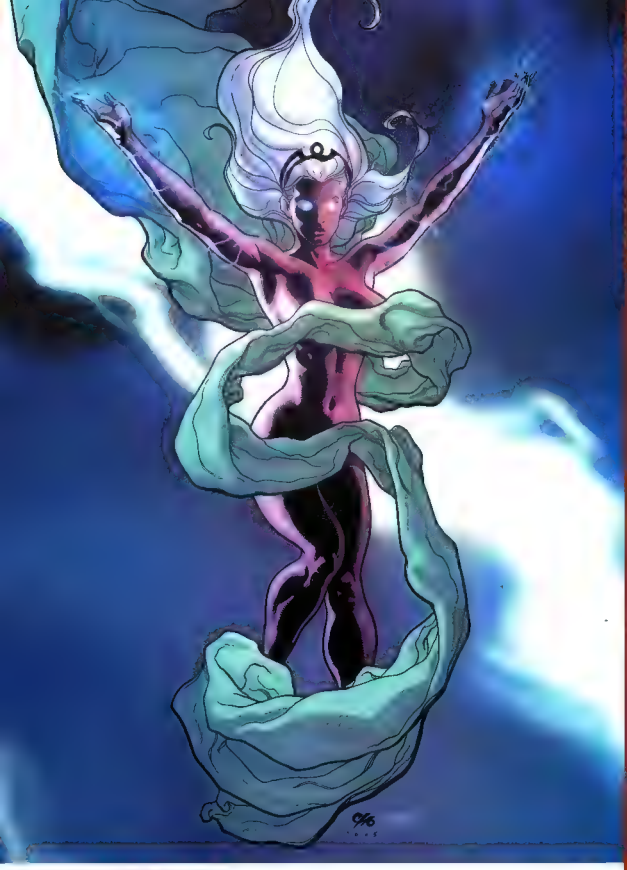
Q: Looking at this month's solicits, I see the Black Panther and the X-Men are mixing it up. What brings these two forces together? Will this be the first of many meetings?

This arc, "Wild Kingdom," is just a hint of things to come. In this story, for which Reggie Hudlin and Peter Milligan divide chapters, the X-Men set off to Africa to investigate a new phenomenon: strange, mutated wild animals that are popping up in the jungles of Niganda, a kingdom not too far from that of the Black Panther's Wakanda. They enlist Storm's help, due to her knowledge of Africa, and before you know it, they'll have to team up with T'Challa to deal with a dastardly new villain. But what happens between the X-Men and the Panther is just as fascinating. Will the sparks between T'Challa and Ororo lead to fire? Can T'Challa and Wolverine just get along? These questions and more will be answered. A little know fact: Reggie (Hudlin) was actually rejected for an internship at Marvel back when he was a teenager — he even kept the rejection letter to prove it—so it's safe to say he's making up for lost time.

Q: Last month, we announced that SUPREME POWER was ending its MAX run with issue 18. This month, we find two mini-series featuring the most popular characters in the Supremeverse. What is the plan with this incredibly hot property?

It's true, this September, we'll be shipping two Supreme Power titles instead of just one. The first is HYPERION, scripted by JMS himself and illustrated by Dan Jurgens and Klaus Janson. The story's called "Chasing the Alien." (Spoiler Alert!) Hyperion's been outed as an alien, now he's on the run – and he's being pursued by a group of super-powered beings who are uniquely qualified to bring him down. The second is NIGHTHAWK, scripted by Daniel Way and illustrated by Steve Dillon. The story's called "Punch Line." Nighthawk will face a villain whose pure, unbridled insanity will push him to – and past – his limits. When all is said and done, these two series will close out the MAX era of SUPREME POWER in January '06 with style. Then, in February, SUPREME POWER will move to the Marvel Knights imprint, reuniting Gary Frank with JMS. We promise something special.

Sounds exciting, huh? Well, what are you waiting for? Get to your local comic shop and get yourself Knighted this September!



BLACK PANTHER #8
Written by REGINALD HUDLIN
Penciled by DAVID YARDIN
Cover by FRANK CHO
"WILD KINGDOM" part 2 of a 4-part crossover with X-MEN
Investigating a sudden outburst of strange, mutated wild animals in Africa, the X-Men – led by Storm – come face to face with something worse: mutant bio-organisms the likes of which the world has never seen. The key to unraveling their secret – and defeating them – may lie in that region's protector – the Black Panther.
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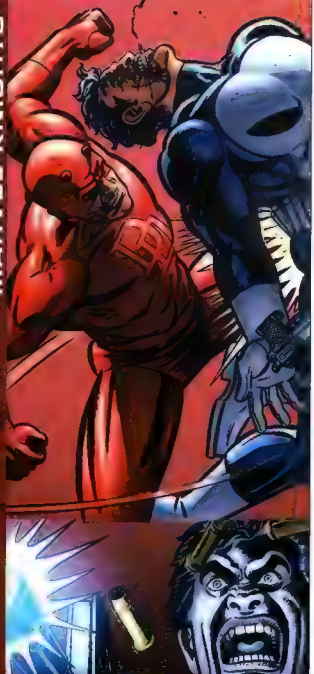

DAREDEVIL VS. PUNISHER #4 (of 6)

Written by DAVID LAPHAM
Pencils & Cover by DAVID LAPHAM

Amid a brutal Indian summer, Hell's Kitchen is on the brink of chaos. Hammerhead has placed a $10 million bounty on the Punisher's head, and it's created a minor war zone in Daredevil's backyard. As every two-bit thug and hired assassin tries to take the Punisher out, the vigilante fires back – embarking on a killing spree. Now Daredevil – the new self-proclaimed Kingpin of the Kitchen – takes matters into his own hands, deciding to take out the Punisher and end the debate over ways and means once and for all!

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MARVEL KNIGHTS 4 #22

Written by ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA
Penciled by VALENTINE DE LANDRO
Cover by TONY HARRIS

"THE YANCY STREET GOLEM"

On Yancy Street, on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, someone–or something–is putting the hurt on the neighborhood's tough guys. Someone or something very large and very brutal, which is leaving a trail of twisted, broken bodies in its wake. Ben Urich, Jessica Jones, and the FF's ever-loving blue-eyed Thing are on the case, but what exactly is the nature of the threat they're facing

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WOLVERINE #32
Written by MARK MILLAR
Penciled by KAARE ANDREWS
Cover by KAARE ANDREWS
"PRISONER NUMBER ZERO"
Mark Millar's epic 13-issue run draws to a close, but not before we bring him back for a spectacular encore, joined by Kaare Andrews (Eisner-Award nominated for his jaw-dropping INCREDIBLE HULK covers)! This special 13th issue of Millar's WOLVERINE will be unlike anything you've seen from him before. A ghost story in the tradition of CREEPY and EERIE, this standalone issue is set in a World War II concentration camp and stars a feral character who looks like Wolverine, acts like Wolverine... but who is he really?
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DAREDEVIL: FATHER #3 (of 5)
By JOE QUESADA, DANNY MIKI, AND RICHARD ISANOVE
Daredevil has his work cut out for him. New York's crippling heat wave shows no signs of relief, a serial killer has a stranglehold on the city, and there's a new superhero team on the streets that's got a big gripe with him. Featuring a whole new costume look for Daredevil, specially designed for this series by Joe Quesada!
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DAREDEVIL #77

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Cover by ALEX MALEEV

THE MURDOCK PAPERS. The Eisner-Award-winning team of Brian Michael Bendis and Alex Maleev continues its final arc as Wilson Fisk makes an offer to the Feds they can't refuse. The Kingpin offers up Matt Murdock in exchange for a free pass out of trouble and the Feds are taking the deal! Plus, all the women in Matt's life come back to help...at the same time Part 2 (of 5)

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NEW AVENGERS #11

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS

Pencils & Cover by DAVID FINCH

"RONIN" Part 1 (of 3)

David Finch returns to debut the mysterious New Avenger everyone has been talking about all year!! Who is RONIN and why has Captain America recruited him into the fold? Bet it has something to do with Hydra helping the Silver Samurai get out of the country after he broke out of prison. Just sayin'! And what is Ronin's true identity? Here's a hint: He's not Daredevil!

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THE FORGOTTEN HERO BROUGHT TO YOU BY JENKINS & ROMITA JR.!

THE SENTRY #1 (of 8)

Written by PAUL JENKINS

Pencils & Cover by JOHN ROMITA JR.

FROM THE PAGES OF NEW AVENGERS—THE GOLDEN GUARDIAN OF GOOD IS BACK! He's the most powerful super hero in the Marvel Universe, a forgotten legend from a time gone by, reawakened and reborn in the world of today. So why is the Sentry his own worst enemy? Featuring the New Avengers, the Hords of Attuma, Terrax the Tamer and more!

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"THIS TINY TALE IS JUST THAT: A WORK OF GENIUS." - *AIN'T IT COOL NEWS*

THE FANTASTIC FOUR PRESENTS
FRANKLIN RICHARDS: SON OF A GENIUS
Written by MARC SUMERAK & CHRIS ELIOPOULOS
Art by CHRIS ELIOPOULOS

Move over, Mr. Fantastic – Marvel's First Family has a brand new star! Franklin Richards finally hits the big time in this one-shot special, collecting all four critically-acclaimed FRANKLIN RICHARDS: SON OF A GENIUS stories from the pages of POWER PACK! What could be better than that? How about a brand-new story that sees Franklin and H.E.R.B.I.E. gearing up for the wildest Halloween in Marvel history?! It's "fun" with a capital "FF"!

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DRAX THE DESTROYER #1 (of 4)

Written by KEITH GIFFEN

Pencils & Cover by MITCH BREITWEISER

The crash of an interstellar prison transport spells big trouble for an isolated Alaskan town when Paibok the Power Skrull, Lunatik, the Blood Brothers and Drax the Destroyer come calling. It's not a social call. Oh. And you think you know Drax? Big, green and not all that bright; is that the Drax you're thinking about? You don't know Drax! The re-imagining of DRAX THE DESTROYER begins here!

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DEFENDERS #3 (of 5)

Written by KEITH GIFFEN & J. M. DEMATTEIS
Pencils & Cover by KEVIN MAGUIRE

While Dr Strange and the Sub-Mariner are trapped and tortured in his dungeons, the Dread Dormammu enters the cosmic essence of the entity called Eternity—absorbing his infinite power! The Hulk, meanwhile, enjoys a steamy romantic interlude with Umar (really! Would we lod you about a thing like that?) while, back on Earth, the Silver Surfer—just sort of hangs around at the beach (which, come to think of it, is pretty much what he did last issue) Eisner Award-winners Keith Giffen, J.M DeMatteis and Kevin Maguire are responsible for this travesty. .so don't blame us!

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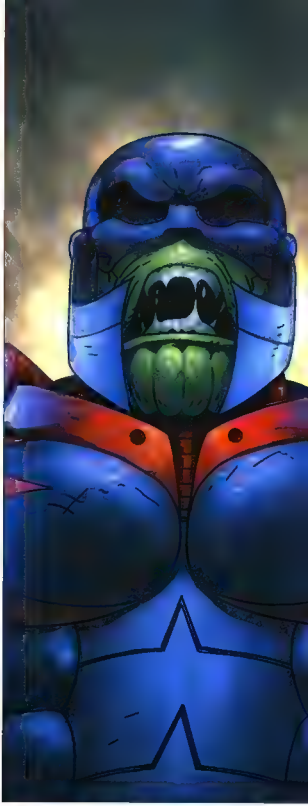

MARVEL TEAM-UP #12

Written by ROBERT KIRKMAN
Pencled by PACO MEDINA
Cover by SCOTT KOLINS

TITANNUS WAR!

At last, the long, sad history of TITANNUS is revealed! Learn everything there is to know about Marvel's newest source of villainy from his tortuous birth to the events that led him to seek refuge on Earth – all is revealed, nothing is held back. This issue sets the stage for future Marvel Team-Up arcs coming in the next year this issue is a must-buy! Part 2 (of 3)

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THOR: BLOOD OATH #1 (of 6)
Written by MIKE AVON OEMING
Pencils & Cover by SCOTT KOLINS

Following the wrap-up of Marvel's legendary MIGHTY THOR series, Oeming and Kolins travel back in Marvel history to bring you a classic Thor adventure! Stepping out of the past of the glorious days of Kirby, Lee, and Buscema, THOR: BLOOD OATH presents Thor in his prime, with your favorite cast, including Odin, Balder, The Warriors Three and more! The Warriors Three are put on trial for murder. Standing besides his brothers-in-arms, Thor ties himself to their fate, as they are sent on an impossible journey by the Giants to pay their "weird" a blood price for the killing of a Giant's son. Thor and his three allies will journey across the lands, through Greece, Midgard, Asia and Africa, clash with gods, monsters, the dead, and occasionally each other!

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YOUNG AVENGERS 18
Written by ALLAN HEINBERG
Penciled by ANDREA DiVITO
Cover by JIM CHEUNG
The secrets are OUT when Captain America and Jessica Jones confront the Young Avengers' parents about their children's double lives. Meanwhile, the unsuspecting kids find themselves on the front lines of a savage drug war against one of the Marvel Universe's most powerful, chemically-enhanced antagonists. Even if they survive, who's going to save them from their parents?
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CAPTAIN AMERICA #11

Written by ED BRUBAKER

Pencils & Cover by STEVE EPTING

The Winter Soldier storyline continues its relentless assault on the very soul of Steve Rogers! Who is the Winter Soldier, and how did he come to be one of the most effective weapons of the Cold War? In this haunting issue, Cap learns the answers to those questions and more. But the answers he receives may make what he has to do next even harder.

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NEW THUNDERBOLTS #12

Written by FABIAN NICIEZA

Pencils & Cover by TOM GRUMMETT

The Conclusion of PURPLE REIGN -- 1/3 of the team is hospitalized -- 1/3 of the team is AWOL and 1/3 of the team has to fight the maniacal manipulations of Killgrave the Purple Man -- if they can avoid fighting each other first! Half of everything you think you know hits the fan and when we find out Purple Man's big secret, the other half hits it, too!

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IS HE ALIVE.. OR DEAD?
A LEGEND IS BORN!
THE MOST SUPERNATURAL SUPERHERO OF ALL!

MARVEL MILESTONES: GHOST RIDER, BLACK WIDOW & ICEMAN
Written by GARY FRIEDRICH, GERRY CONWAY, STAN LEE & ARNOLD DRAKE
Penciled by MIKE PLOOG, GENE COLAN & WERNER ROTH
Cover by MIKE PLOOG
The world still needs .the Champions! Thrill to three titanic tales featuring the fantastic founders of the sensational seventies super-group! A legend is born as Ghost Rider, the most supernatural super hero of all, hits the highway in MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #5 (August 1972) – but is he alive or dead? Plus The Black Widow first teams with Marvel's Man without Fear in DAREDEVIL #81 (November 1971), and Iceman hips his readers to the inside story of his sub-zero existence in a story from X-MEN #47 (August 1968).
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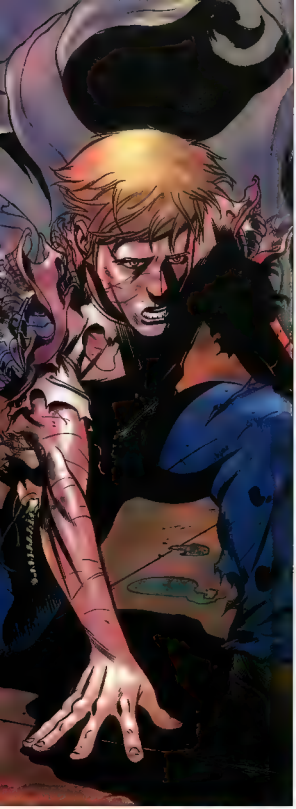

MACHINE TEEN #5 (of 5)

Written by MARC SUMERAK
Pencils & Cover by MIKE HAWTHORNE

The past finally catches up with Adam and his father as they come face to face with the forces that they've been running from for years. Adam is on the edge of his hardest test yet – too bad he's about to be taken apart piece by piece! Will Adam be able to beat the program before it's too late, or is he on his way to the scrap heap once and for all? In this final issue, anything can happen!

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AMAZING FANTASY #12

Written by FRED VAN LENTE & JEFF PARKER
Pencilled by LEONARD KIRK & FEDERICA MANFREDI
Cover by JAMES JEAN

"POISON TOMORROW"

The new Scorpion's first mission reaches its nail-biting, action-packed climax! A.I.M.'s sleeper agents launch their terrifying attack! Carmilla confronts her diabolical mother at last! Will the Scorpion thwart her schemes ... or succumb to her dark birthright? Part 6 (of 6). PLUS: Another deadly 8-page bonus story featuring Marvel's newest horror sensation, Vampire by Night! Guest-Starring Werewolf by Night!

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GRAVITY #4 (of 5)
Written by SEAN MCKEEVER
Pencils & Cover by MIKE NORTON
After everything that's happened, Greg decides to stop being Gravity. But just when he thinks he's out of the super-hero business for good, he gets sucked back in. Boy, does he EVER get sucked back in!
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THE PULSE #11

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Art by MICHAEL GAYDOS
Cover by MIKE MAYHEW

Fans of Jessica Jones have waited two years for two things: the return of award-winning artist Michael Gaydos to the pages of the book he was born to draw, and the birth of Jessica Jones and Luke Cage's baby. And guess what? They are both here. Plus: Luke Cage needs a new costume, bad!! The quest starts here.
A New Avengers tie-in book guest-starring the Fantastic Four, Carol Danvers and the New Avengers
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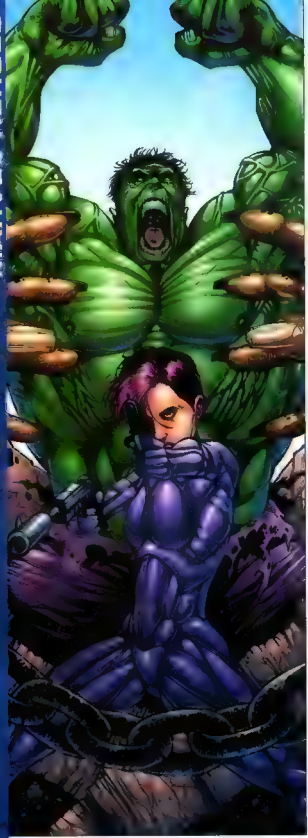

HULK: DESTRUCTION #3 (of 4)
Written by PETER DAVID
Pencils & Cover by JIM MUNIZ

A ghost from the past promises a cure for Banner and Blonsky—but what are the deadly consequences of getting their greatest wish? Plus, more secrets are revealed about the Abomination's past with the Division and Doc Samson's race to finish the Neutralizer has some destructive consequences on the city.

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NEW WARRIORS #4 (of 6)
Written by ZEB WELLS
Pencils & Cover by SKOTTIE YOUNG

This issue, Marvel's newest hero, Debni, joins the cast. Except . somebody forgot to tell the New Warriors! Can our heroes save a small town from a mysterious behemoth AND play nice with their prickly new teammate? All signs point to NO!!!

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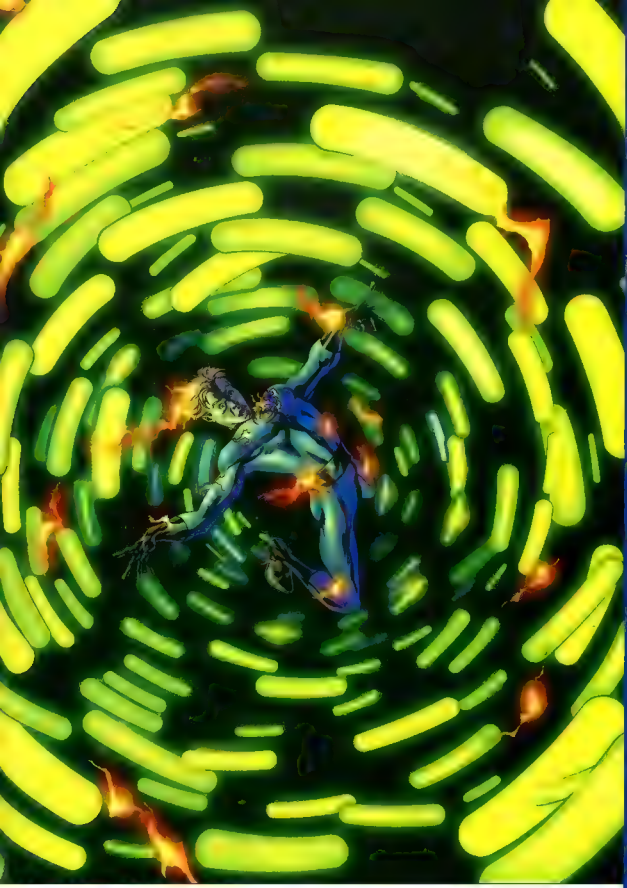

FANTASTIC FOUR #531
Written by J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI
Pencils & Cover by MIKE MCKONE
Hot on the heels of last issue's shocking final page, the FF are faced with a two-pronged attack! Having completed its journey to Earth, the Entity has arrived, warning of an even more terrible threat to come! J. Michael Straczynski continues his red-hot run, challenging Marvel's First Family like never before in the pages of the World's Greatest Comic Magazine!
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OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE: ALTERNATE UNIVERSES 2005

Written by JEFF CHRISTIANSEN, MARK O'ENGLISH, SEAN MCQUAID, ERIC J. MOREELS, STUART VANDAL, MICHAEL HOSKIN, BILL LENTZ, ANTHONY FLAMINI & CHRIS BIGGS

Cover by TOM GRUMMETT & MORRY HOLLOWELL

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Mark Gruenwald's SQUADRON SUPREME limited series, the Official Handbook hits the highway for a reality-hopping road trip! This volume contains in-depth bios on all manner of versions and variants, from Earth A to Earth X and all Earths in between! Plus: An all-new cover by NEW THUNDERBOLTS artist Tom Grummett, digitally painted by Morry Hollowell!

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MARVEL 1602: NEW WORLD #3 (of 6)
Written by GREG PAK
Penciled by GREG TOCCHINI
Cover by SERGIO TOPPI
A new law is passed in the New World outlawing super-powered "Witchbreed." Can Peter Parquagh keep his new powers a secret in a place that needs a Spider-Man so badly? Can Robert Banner escape the hulking beast who hides in his fear and anger? Joining the rest of the Marvel heroes and villains reborn in the 17th Century comes another classic Marvel character! Check out the cover to see who!
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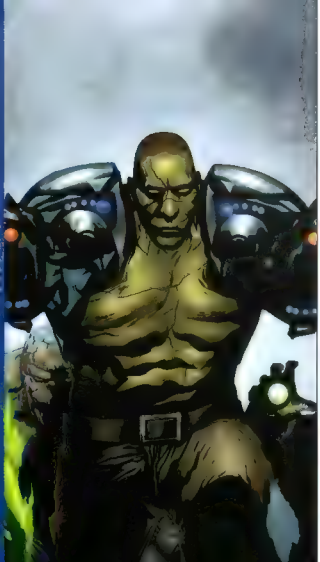

MARVEL NEMESIS: THE IMPERFECTS #5 (of 6)
Written by GREG PAK
Penciled by RENATO ARLEM
Cover by JAE LEE

Now able to track the mysterious source that controls Dr Van Roekel's augmented army, Storm, Iron Man, the Human Torch and the Thing track Elektra to the jungles of the Amazon where they discover more than they bargained for – a full-on battle with The Imperfects. But can they survive long enough to turn the possessed assassin?

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MEGA MORPHS #3 (of 4)
Written by SEAN MCKEEVER
Pencils & Cover by LOU KANG

"RED RAMPAGE"

What do you get when you cross five of the world's greatest super heroes—all piloting state-of-the-art combat mecha—with a 200-foot tall robot designed to kill Godzilla? You get a fight scene. And when that fight is choreographed by Eisner Award nominee Sean McKeever and Lou Kang you can bet it's going to be a clever fight scene. What is Dr. Doom's sinister plan with Red Ronin? And what are Spider-Man, Wolverine, Ghost Rider, Hulk, and Captain America going to do about it? Well, they're not gonna sit around and let it happen, that's for sure!

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RUNAWAYS #8
Written by BRIAN VAUGHAN
Penciled by TAKESHI MIYAZAWA
Cover by CHRIS BACHALO
A sinister plan set into motion years ago by the Runaways' evil parents finally comes to a head. To protect not just Earth but the entire Marvel Universe, one young member of the team must make the ultimate sacrifice
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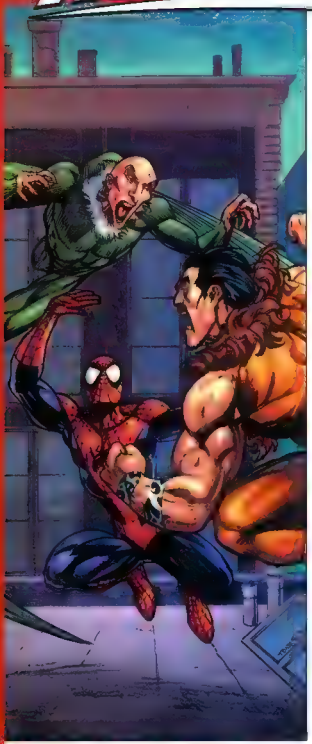

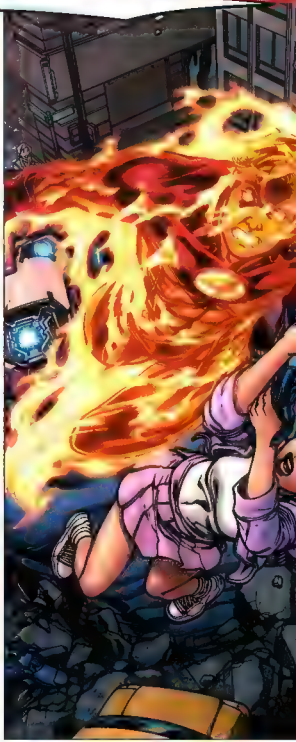

MARVEL ADVENTURES SPIDER-MAN #7

Written by SEAN MCKEEVER
Penciled by PATRICK SCHERBERGER
Cover by TONY SALVADOR DANIEL

When the Vulture steals a sacred African mask, Spider-Man isn't the only one hot on his trail. Kraven the Hunter's in town, and he's gonna make sure that mask ends up right where it belongs–whether Spidey and the Vulture like it or not!

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MARVEL ADVENTURES FANTASTIC FOUR #4

Written by JEFF PARKER
Penciled by CARLO PAGULAYAN
Cover by MICHAEL RYAN

The Fantastic Four don't feel so fantastic when their powers start failing–right when a Sentinel has decided to target them! It's not all bad though; at least Johnny has a cool new girlfriend. Or is all this connected somehow. .?

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X-MEN: COLOSSUS - BLOODLINE # 1 (of 5)
Written by DAVID HINE
Penciled by JORGE LUCAS
Cover by CHRIS BACHALO
From the pages of ASTONISHING X-MEN! Colossus has returned from the dead, only to find his relatives are being killed in his homeland! Peter must travel to Russia to face a shadowy villain whose origin lies in Peter's past. Will this foe lead Colossus down the path of darkness and will defeating him cost Peter his soul?!
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X-MEN #175

Written by PETER MILLIGAN

Pencils & Cover by SALVADOR LARROCA

"WILD KINGDOM" Parts 1 of a 4-part crossover with BLACK PANTHER!

The X-Men travel deep to the heart of Africa to investigate reports of strange, mutated animals roaming wild near Wakanda. But what happens when their discoveries lead them to the King of Wakanda himself — T'Challa, the Black Panther?! This issue leads into BLACK PANTHER #8!

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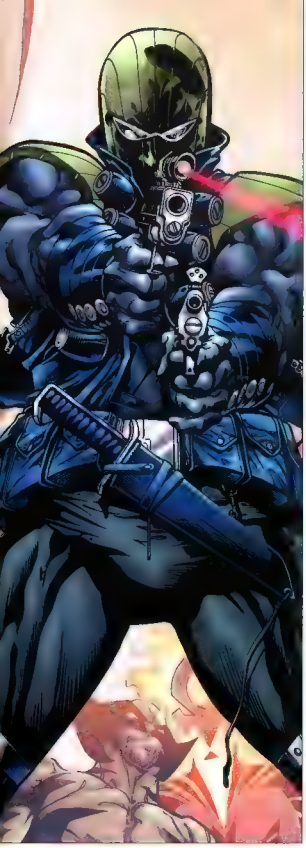

WEAPON X: DAYS OF FUTURE NOW #3 (of 5)

Written by FRANK TIERI
Penciled by ANDY SMITH
Cover by BART SEARS

The Weapon X saga continues to catapult you into the future! Agent Zero finally learns the awful truth of what happened to the Neverland death camps! Plus this issue also sees the debut of the all-new—you better believe it—all-different X-Men!

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X-MEN: KITTY PRYDE-SHADOW & FLAME #4 (of 5)

Written by AKIRA YOSHIDA
Pencils & Cover by PAUL SMITH

Kitty is pulled deeper into the mystery surrounding the death of her former "master" Ogun and the Path of Destiny cult that now worships his name. With Lockheed in the cult's clutches, Kitty tries to gain the trust of their leader, Neo, in order to uncover the Path's true agenda... and just what it is they want with her and her pet dragon.

Retailer Note: This was originally solicited as a 6-issue limited series, but is now a 5-issue limited series.

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NIGHTCRAWLER #10

Written by
ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA
Pencils & Cover by
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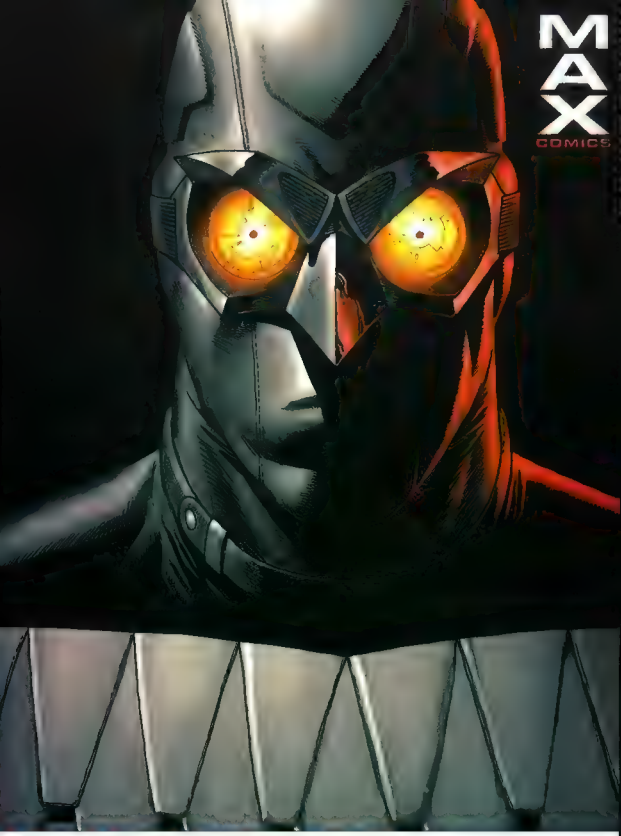

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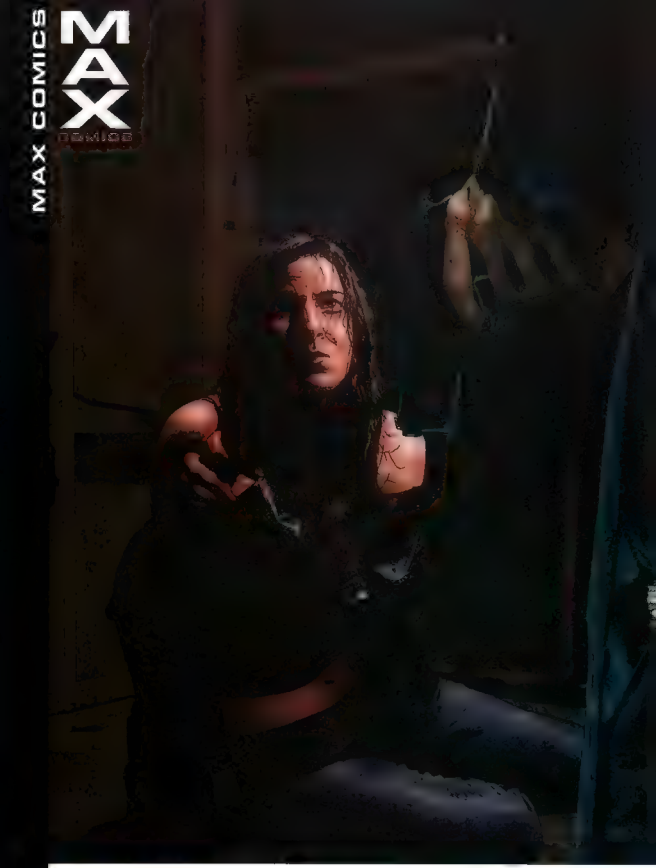

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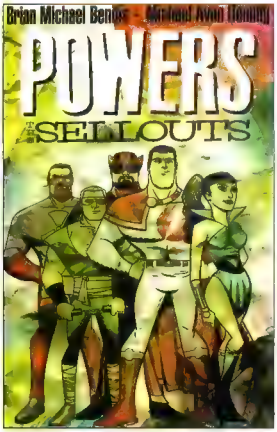

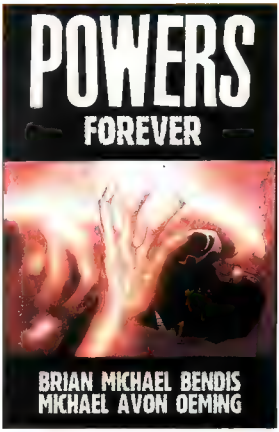

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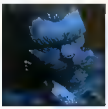

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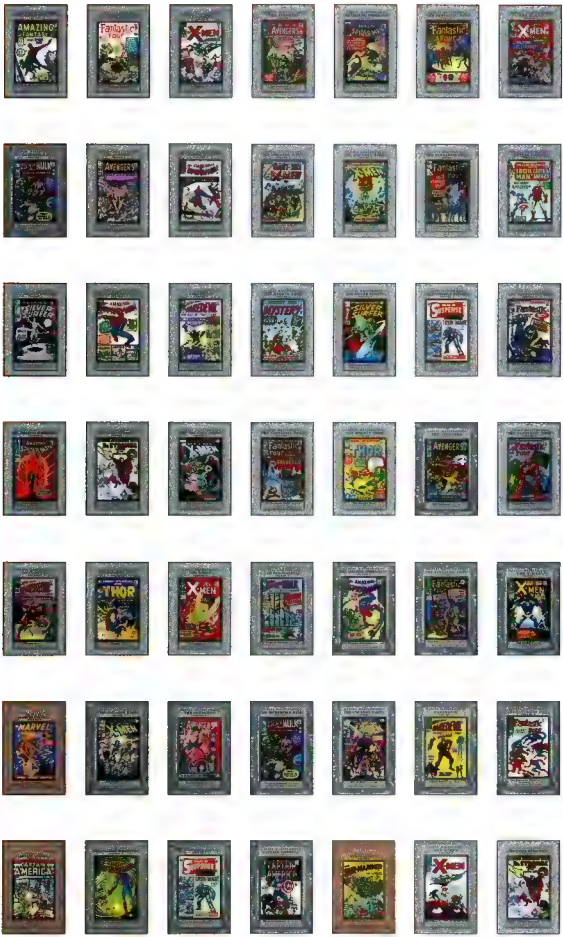

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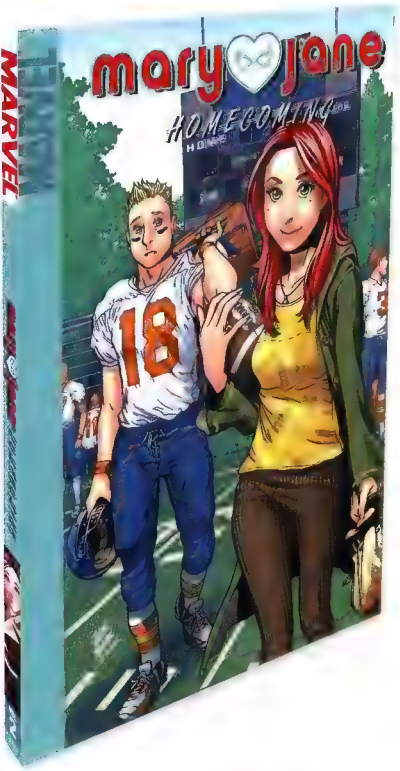

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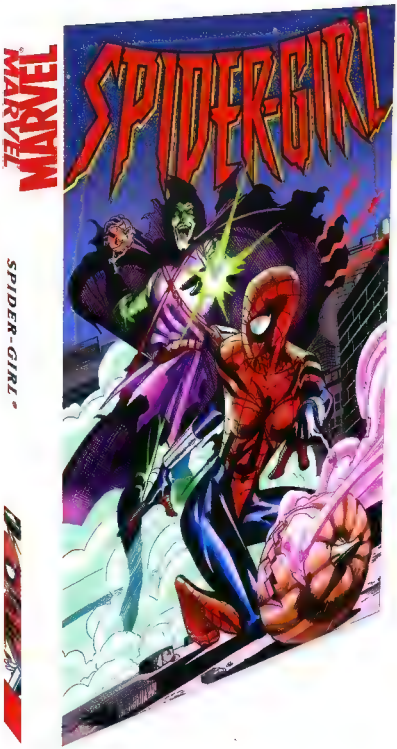

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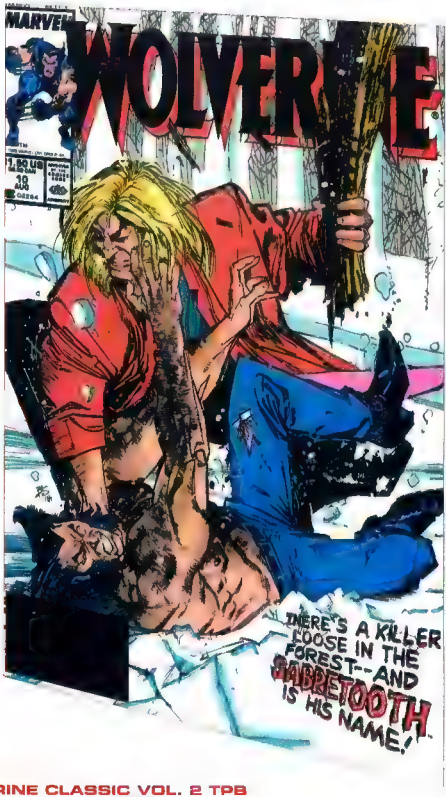

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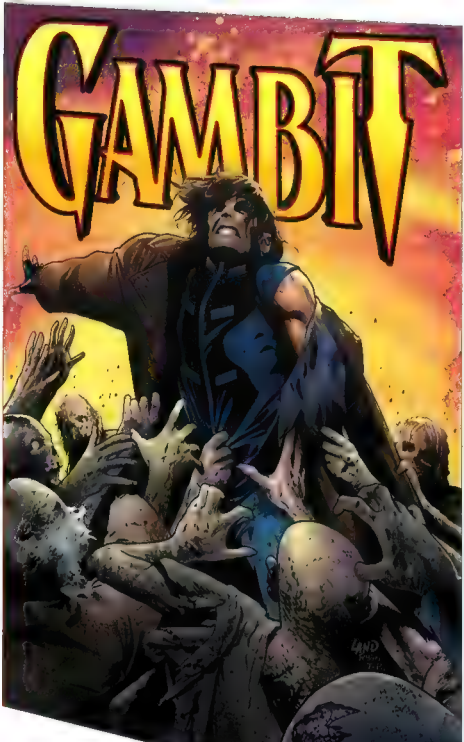

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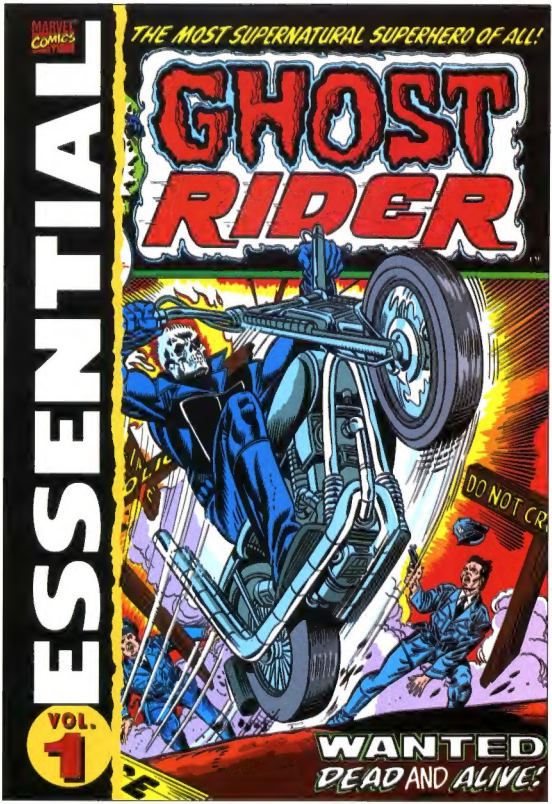

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